

39. Sumner St. May 30th 1844.

Dear Caroline, I will try to do a little some-

thing for you but you know the difficulty of writing in such a hurry as it is here. I came in town Monday. Hervey drove Mary & myself in. I mean Deborah & myself. I was left at Kenetic's where I was rec'd with great regard. Mrs King is still there in full glory. The meeting opened Tuesday with great dignity. Marlboro's Hall was filled. F. Jackson was made president. I was offered the dignity of Secretary but declined on account of health. Dr Gertman, Henry Clapp & Pauline were Secs. The Dissolution of the Union was brought up at first and speeches were made by sundry people there, as very special speaking and Abigail interesting every few minutes. I dined at Maria's. The Wrights were there. Pauline is a very pretty person, he is think a very sick man. In the afternoon the same discussion. Amasa Wacker showed a good deal of English about Dissolution & considerable feeling was shown. In the evening we had a glorious speech from Douglas. He carried the audience very much with him. The Abolitionists were here & sung "Get off the Tracks with great spirit. [Wednesday forenoon we had a very rich time. I wish you had been there to see. 11 o'clock was appointed and Wendell was to make a speech on the ~~atrocious~~ money question. When after he had finished & Abby Kelley followed in a very moving speech - Pledge were beginning to be taken up & things were going on well, when up jumped Abigail and acted her worst. Stern determination put on Wendell's pale face. He was sick or had been & was exhausted by his speech. But he nodded to Wm White and they both stepped forward. Wendell lifted her one side & took the other

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& they lifted her down the platform. She attempted to
sink on the floor, but Foster placed a chair under
her and Wendell & Briggs carried her out in a moment.
A few people in the galleries cried Phony, & a few
people each side of the aisle cried out "Dut, Dut
You ought not". Wendell's very stern tone was heard
in a rather suppressed key, saying "Make way" & in
a minute he was out. In a few minutes he & White came
in, both very pale; of course an immed. int. uproar about
the matter occurred; in which Clap & Rogers made a
fool of themselves. Wendell spoke with the greatest
sense & spirit & Edmund perceived him, most admirably.
Delmont must assist it to your recollection, for I cannot
write it. I find the meeting seemed very well disposed
Wendell. I asked him after words what he did with her
He said he sat her down on the floor of the entry
and then she said, "that she thought God had been
glorified & she would go home". She then shook hands with
W. & White & went home. - And nothing has been seen
since of her, but Wendell went & got an officer to
show at the door. In the afternoon Pierpont came in
& made the same pophittive, clap trap kind of speech
that he did at the Annual Meeting. He took most of the
afternoon. Nilsroeth came in & staid the afternoon with
meeting. We bowed but that was all in the afternoon.
I felt tremble at the sight of him. Kenneth told me
that Miss Negus was a distant connexion of Mrs John E.
Fuller, the first woman & that Mr Fuller kept her three
& more and she painted his & his wife's portrait and
he gave her her board. In short she was a sort of dependant
of theirs. I think he must be used. Dut in the evening he
came to me and we shook hands very cordially. He fell
to fighting with the Constitution but finally stopt to say
that he was going to speak in the evening so he would
not fight it out then. I got breath enough at last to

with him joy. He thanked me, asked me if I knew he
and said she was there. Perhaps he meant I should
have said that I would like to be introduced to her.
But I did not think I was called upon. I was a little
at my wits end & so was he, but we blundered on and
I asked me or his district question, & finally was so stupid
as to say "Have you known her long?" I only wanted to say
or ask whether she was an old acquaintance. He had
a great point on his face at the question & said
"no, not long." I forgot to say that after Pierpont had
done Wendell took the subject up & began one of his
good speeches. Then there was an adjournment and so
Wendell had the floor. In the evening he accordingly
took up the thread of remark & made a charming speech.
Then there were speeches from one or two others; Willcutt
and Andrews one of the great Liberty Party folks
spoke. Willcutt spoke as well as could be expected
under the circumstances - better than Pierpont. Andrews
was truly ridiculous, he appeared much like Treadwell.
Andrews refuted some on the old org and he was
answered by J. N. Buffum and Foster very well. However
as there was great number of Liberty Party people there
they made a great noise & uproar and the meeting
broke up rather humbly. Today, very foolishly,
on Garrison's date minutes, there was no meeting held
here to day - so all is postponed ^{to tomorrow}. I have just
been out with Mary Robbins to Ann Allen's store and
seen the procession. It was very large & looked well.
I don't think there was great enthusiasm on the part
of beholders. I got your letter last Saturday. You
seem to set on it that, perhaps I shant say anything
to Ann Terry ~~the~~ about the bonnet tho' perhaps I may.
Wendell has behaved very well through this Convention.
Ann is very poorly. - I shall stay at Mrs. Kenneth's

a few days after the meetings are over. I found the
flower useful? I trimmed my bonnet with it. Mrs
Foster and P. Cabot, Abby Kelsey & P. J. Foster are here
each holding forth at a great rate. Deborah will
probably answer your letter, as far as it wants answer.
I mean to go on any business. In great haste
yrs ever A. W. W.

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